Importing Fresh Fruits from Afghanistan

2082. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister 01 AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether NAFED propose to import fresh fruits from Afghan:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when such imported fruits shall be made available to the people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-CULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRIYOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to *(c)* In terms of' the Import export policy 1985-86 NAFED was authorised to register contracts for import of fresh frurits upto the value of Rs. 3 crores during 1985-86 for which foreign exchange was allotted by the Government. Further impoit of fresh fruits up to the Value of Rs. 4.5 crores has been authorised with effect fn;m 21-10-85. The total foreign exchange allocation for import of fresh fruits thus work out to .Rs. 7.5 crores in respect of 1985-86.

NAFED. as canalising agency has issued N > objection Certificates (NOCs) for import of fresh fruit Afganistan to its a importers for tie total value. • f Rs. 3.29 upto 3-12-1985 during the crop (A '.gust to March) 1985-86.

The item of fresh fruits imported from Afg'ia listan include grapes mel-ons and A tar Badana/Kandhari. '1')). co signinents have been arri\ing in the markets since August, 1985.

Stoppage of implementation Crop Insurance scheme in Haryana

2083. SHRI J.P. GOYAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that Haryana has abandoned the pro-gii.mme of implementing the crop insurance sch

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.;

(c) what are the names of states which have implemented the crop insurance scheme; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure implementation of the crop insurance programme through out the courury and Corporation)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-CULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Haryana is of the view that either individual farmer oratleas* a village should be taken as the unit of indemnity under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme.

(c) Eleven State Governments namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Kar nataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttat Pradesh, Tamilnadu, West Bengal and Gujarat have implemented the scheme during Kharif, 1985. Haryana had also implemented the Scheme initially and it was enly later that it opted out ot the scheme.

(d) After working out the detais of the New Scheme, detailed guidelines were issued to all the Status and Union Territorie-s on the 3rd May, 1985 for implementation of the Crop Insurance Scheme from Kharif, 1985. The progress of the implementation of the scheme was reviewed at the National Level Conferences held on the 17th July, 1985 and 23rd September, 1985 wherein the States and Union Territories which had not implemented the scheme were impressed upon to implement the scheme in their areas. The Reserve Bank of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have already issued the necessary instructions to their Bank branches throughout the country for active participation in the successful implementation of the scheme. For wide publicity, States have been impressed upon to make use of Training and Visit (T&V) system and the media namely-Doordarshan and **All** India.

Radio. Some of the State Governments have published literature in regional languages for distribution among (he farm©

Transfer of localities to MCD by DDA

2084.PROF. G. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether D.D.A, lias taken anysreps to transfer the fully developed localities like the Safclarjung Development Area Naraina and the East of Kailash to the administrative control of the appropriate civic bodies like MCD as promised by it in the informative pamphleis given to the prospective allottees in 1969 and in subsequent years; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons theiefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The East of Kailash Colony and Naiaina resi dential area Stand Transferred to MCD. The services of Safdarjung development. Area like watei supply sewerage, roads and SW for drains also stand ti ansferred to MCD except for roads and SW drains of B-4 and B-7 Extn. Blocks.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above

Transmission capacity of All India Radio stations in Andhra Pradesh

2085. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to augment the transmission capacity of Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Cuddappah stations of the All India Radio ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): During the 7th Five Year plan it is proposed to upgrade the power of the AIR Transmitters at the following centres :—

Place	Existing power	Propos d power
Vijay awada	20 KW MW	10 KW MW
Hyderabad	10 KW SW	50 KW SW

Filling up the post of Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

2086. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the time since when the post of the Commissioner for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Trite -• has been lying vacant;

(b) the name of the last incumbent of this office;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in filling vacancy; and

(d) the time by when the new incumbent will be appointed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The post of Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been lying vacant since 23rd November, 1981, when Shri Shishir Kumar demitted office.

(c) and (d) Necessary action has already been taken up to fill up the post of Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and the person selected for this post has been asked to join immediately.